

REMARKS

The above amendment and these remarks are filed in response to the Fianl Office Action of 12 Jul 2005.

35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 23, 40, and 41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not producing a useful, practical, and tangible result.

Applicants have amended the claims to specify the useful, practical, and tangible result of selecting an embedded object 156 in definition 167 selectively to pull in and display addition material and execute an embedded object to implement the workflow process defined by the definition. [Specification, page 24, line 4-6.]

The literature on business processes, and various aspects of business processes, is large and growing. Topics like business process automation, business process reengineering, business process outsourcing, horizontal

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integration of business processes, business process modeling, etc., the Business Process Execution Language (BPEL for Web Services), various non-profile & standards setting organizations like Business Process Management Group, conferences (e.g. BPM 2005 in Nancy, Fr), OASIS Web Services BPEL Technical Committee, business component modeling, etc, etc. <a very long list>.

There are dozens of standards groups working to create business process standards. Some of the groups are public (ISO), some are industry consortia (BPMI, OMG, OASIS) and others are private (GE, IBM, Microsoft). It is in the context of all this that the current invention does produce a useful, concrete and tangible result. It is applicants position that business processes are real, and that business processes do have nouns, verbs & attributes.

Applicants urge that claims 23, 40, and 41 as amended be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants urge that the above amendment be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 23, 40, and 41.

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The Application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action by the Examiner is urged. Should differences remain, however, which do not place one/more of the remaining claims in condition for allowance, or if this Amendment is deemed Non-Compliant under 37 CFR 1.121, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below for the purpose of providing constructive assistance and suggestions in accordance with M.P.E.P. Sections 707.02(j) and 707.03 in order that allowable claims can be presented in a compliant manner for examination on the merits, thereby placing the Application in condition for allowance without further proceedings being necessary.

Sincerely,

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